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Aññadatthu haro mitto – *One who makes friends only to cheat them*

Yo ca mitto vacī-paramo – *One who is good only in word*

Anupiyāñ-ca yo āhu – *One who flatters & cajoles*

Apāyesu ca yo sakhā – *And a companion in ruinous fun*

Ete amitte cattāro Iti viññāa paṇḍito – *These four the wise know as non-friends.*

Ārakā parivajjeyya – *Avoid them from afar*

Maggaṃ paṭibhayaṃ yathā – *Like a dangerous road.*

Upakāro ca yo mitto, Sukha-dukkho ca yo sakhā

*One who shares in your sorrows & joys*

Atthakkhāyi ca yo mitto – *One who points you to worthwhile things,*

Yo ca mittānukampako – *One sympathetic to friends*

Etepi mitte cattāro Iti viññāya paṇḍito – *These four, the wise know as true friends.*

Sakkaccaṃ payirupāseyya - *Attend to them earnestly*

Mātā puttaṃ va orasaṃ - *As a mother to her child.*